THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO.23466 OF 2006

DATED: 27TH NOVEMBER, 2006.

Between :

1. Dr. Mohammed Ali Hyder and 2 others. .. Petitioners

And

1. The Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, through its Administrative Officer, New Delhi; and another. .. Respondents

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ORDER :

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the selection of the 2nd batch of Haz Volunteers made by the 2nd respondent for the year 2006 is arbitrary and illegal.

The petitioners as well as the respondents 3 and 4 claim to be the applicants for selection as Haz Volunteers.

For selection of Haz Volunteers, the 1st respondent has issued certain guidelines, which were communicated to the 2nd respondent by Memo dated 1-4-2006.

It is alleged that contrary to the said guidelines, the 2nd respondent has adopted a method of short-listing the aspirants and drawing lots from the short-listed candidates. Hence, this writ petition.

In response to the notice ordered by this Court, on behalf of the 2nd respondent – A.P. State Haz Committee a counter-affidavit has been filed stating that the 2nd respondent received totaling 181 applications and after verification 45 applications were rejected as the applicants were not qualified. Remaining 136 applicants were called for interview out of whom 86 applicants were selected and the list of selected candidates was sent to the 1st respondent on 11-11-2006 for approval. It is also pleaded that the procedure followed by the 2nd respondent in preparing the list of selected candidates is strictly in accordance with the guidelines issued by the 1st respondent.

Having heard the learned Counsel for both the parties and having regard to the fact that the 2nd respondent did not dispute the fact that the respondents 1 and 2 are bound by the guidelines dated 1-4-2006 issued by the 1st respondent, the Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the 1st respondent to strictly adhere to the guidelines dated 1-4-2006 while approving the list of selected candidates forwarded by the 2nd respondent.

Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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G. ROHINI, J.

Dt. 27-11-2006

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